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Today's Weather: Light or moderate SE winds. Fairly cloudy with thundery showers developing later afternoon.
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TRYGVE LIE BID TO END U.S. IMPASSE ROUSES EUROPE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 2.—The tour of Mr Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, round Europe and his possible visit to Moscow is receiving surprisingly little attention in the British Press.

Nevertheless his mission seeks to end the impasse at United Nations caused by the recognition by principal powers of different Chinese Governments is of the highest importance.

His visit has created lively debate in European Press, and in the United States contrary views are expressed on the future of the United Nations under its present charter—a question being raised by the present Soviet boycott bringing to a standstill many of the United Nations organs, including the Security Council.

Mr Trygve Lie is expected to give a statement to the world press at the end of this week. During his visit to London at the end of last week, it was

not concealed that British hopes were that China's seat on the Security Council would be transferred to the representative of the Peking Government—a policy in line with British recognition of Peking and probably the only remaining hope of making recognition workable. United States views are various. Washington is understood to want to make the greatest use of this concession to Peking's prestige.

Former President Herbert Hoover's proposal that the United Nations should be reorganised without the Soviet and Soviet sphere countries, has not however, received official endorsement.

U.N. PLANE IN ISRAELI INCIDENT

Tel-Aviv, May 2.—An Israeli fighter today fired warning shots to force a United Nations plane to land at Lydda Airport, an official statement said here.

The United Nations plane was intercepted while flying outside the prescribed corridors and towards a forbidden area, the Israeli statement alleged.

It added that United Nations planes had been consistently infringing aeroplanes regulations for some time despite repeated Israeli protests to the United Nations Headquarters.

The plane was allowed to leave Lydda Airport after the pilot's name and particulars of the plane had been noted. "The Voice of Israel" Radio said that before firing the warning shots the Israeli plane gave every internationally recognised signal to the United Nations pilot asking him to abide by the regulations.—Reuter.

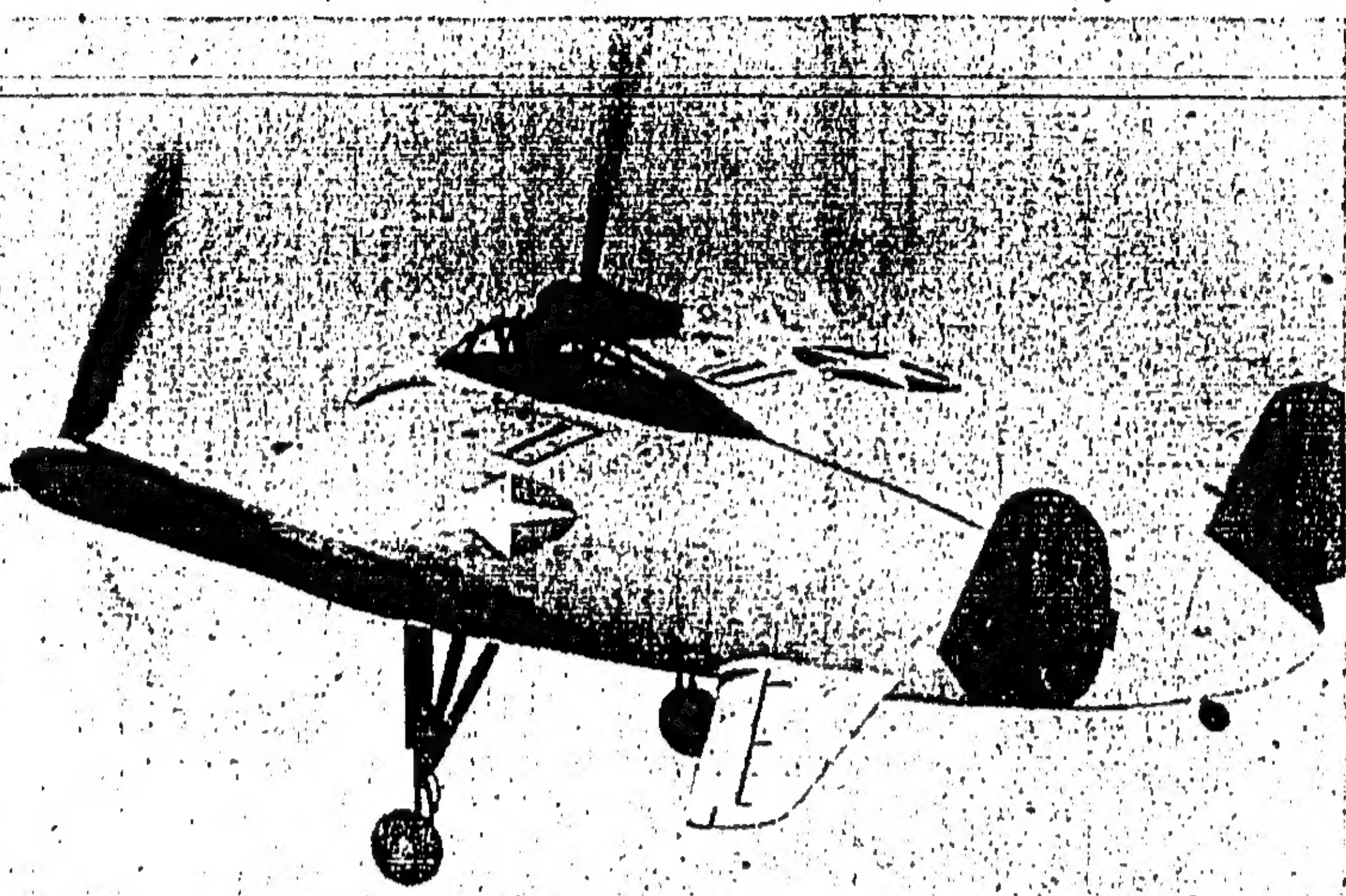
FRENCH VIEWS

The French authoritative newspaper Le Monde in an editorial headed "Future of United Nations" reviews the position.

After declaring that a Government virtually of China should logically expect to replace the Nationalist Chinese representatives at the United Nations, the paper adds "but it is not always logic that decides questions of this kind."

This French newspaper also remarks on another proposal for a change in the United Nations Charter. The suggestion is that Nations should have voting power at the United Nations in proportion to their importance. It then remarks on the fact that a country of a million people now has the same vote as a country of four hundred millions. It is not explicitly stated by the newspaper that voting strength in proportion to population is suggested, but only relative "importance" and this proposition would seem to have great importance for vast countries in Asia. Le Monde comments "there would seem to be a reform to carry through in this sense."

Is This The Flying Saucer?



A strange-looking contraption, belonging to the U.S. Navy, is causing much speculation as to whether it is the "flying saucer" claimed to have been seen by many. The Navy says: "We are not conducting research." (London Express Service).

Britain's Death Fall In Calcutta

Calcutta, May 2.—Mr F.D. Russell, a 43-year-old English businessman, died tonight after falling from the window of his third floor flat here.

Mr Russell was manager of Dorman, Long and Company, Limited, of Calcutta. His death is under police investigation.—Reuter.

PURGE IN ESTONIA

Stockholm, May 2.—Two key Ministers have been dismissed from the Government of Communist Estonia, Russia's armed outpost towards North-Western Europe.

They are Hans Kraus, Foreign Minister, and Aleksander Jocaar, Minister of Justice.

Tallinn Radio and Estonian newspapers reaching here say that the two men are guilty of "bourgeois nationalism" and have become the "tools of the Western Powers."

Their dismissal follows the appointment as Minister of Security of a Russian, Morka-lenkov, replacing the Estonian, Boris Nimn.—Reuter.

Eighteen Killed In Johannesburg Riots: Police Open Fire

Johannesburg, May 2.—The Communist-led "Freedom Movement," which organised a May Day strike and demonstrations in Transvaal, today blamed the Government for last night's riots in which 18 Africans were killed.

Sixteen of them died from police bullets, and the other two suffocated in a burning cinema.

Policemen opened fire when the demonstrators attacked with stones.

The Town Council of Johannesburg, about 20 miles from here, today dismissed 250 labourers who did not go to work yesterday. The Council had guaranteed them safe conduct from and to work.

Industrial and commercial employers were understood to be taking the same action or "locking" the one-day strikers a day's pay.

The "Defend Free Speech Convention," which had urged Transvaal workers to demonstrate, declared today that the demonstrators "resisted all provocations and observed freedom day in a peaceful, orderly manner."

"The events that followed were not of the seeking of the people or their leaders," it said. "About 100,000 African workers stayed away from work, but clashes did not start until the evening when the police enforced the ban on meetings and escorted non-strikers home from work."

In the South African Parliament, the native representative, Mrs V. M. L. Ballinger, moved the adjournment of the House today to discuss the riots.

But only nine Members—all native representatives and Labour Members—supported her motion, and it was lost.—Reuter.

Saigon Convoy Attacked

Saigon, May 2.—One person was killed, six were wounded and six lorries were set on fire when a convoy from Saigon to Bannamthut was attacked today by Vietminh (insurgent Indo-Chinese nationalist) forces, a French military communiqué announced here tonight.

The attackers were dispersed with heavy loss, the communiqué said.—Reuter.

Epidemics In Calcutta Abating

Calcutta, May 2.—The incidence of cholera and smallpox, which have been raging unabated since they were declared epidemics in Calcutta in January, now shows signs of a decrease.

Last week's recorded deaths were cholera 398, smallpox 267, whereas the figures for the week before were 480 and 365 respectively.—Reuter.

French Plan Showdown Over Asia At Big Three Gathering

Paris, May 2.—The French Government is preparing for a very frank showdown with the United States and British Governments over Indo-China at the conference of the three Foreign Ministers in London next week.

It was learned from the highest sources today that M. Robert Schuman intends to put the point very bluntly. Either the United States decides to give France substantial and prompt aid in defending Indo-China against Communist aggression or else France may have to envisage putting an end to her efforts to hold the Western strategic line in Indo-China unaided.

Since yesterday, the French High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Leon Pignon, has been in close conference with the French Foreign Minister, the Minister for National Defence and the Minister of Overseas Territories, hammering out a memorandum of France's future plans in Indo-China.

This memorandum is being prepared, according to well-informed circles, at the request of the White House and the State Department in Washington.

There is every reason to believe that the memorandum will express:

1.—That France can no longer continue single-handed the war against Communism and its allies in Indo-China.

2.—That it will have to be made clear at the London Conference that the Americans must continue single-handed the war against Communism and its allies in Indo-China.

Some French officials consider that financially this American participation ought to be in the neighbourhood of \$500,000,000, apart from supplying important quantities of modern arms.—Reuter.

INITIATIVE
London, May 2.—The Big Three Western Foreign Ministers will open their conference here next week with an admission that they are losing the "Cold War".

The major objective of the conference will be to regain the initiative now lost to Russia in Asia.

When Mr Dean Acheson (United States), Mr Ernest Bevin (United Kingdom) and M. Robert Schuman (France) sit down in Lancaster House, they will review eight months of world affairs in which the overwhelming advantage has been on the Soviet side.

The fall of China and the increasing threat to all of South-east Asia is the greatest blow to the West and all of the West's smaller gains in Europe cannot come close to compensating for this.

Speaking before rows of empty seats, he said that the import programme sponsored by the Marshall Plan Administration and the State Department would jeopardise the United States domestic economy.—Reuter.

3 Commando Brigade Ordered To Malaya

Singapore, May 2.—Britain today announced the reinforcement of her anti-terrorist force in Malaya by at least 3,000 men — the Third Royal Marine Commando Brigade and the 13/18th Hussars, armoured troops now serving in the Middle East.

These fresh troops follow the 26th Gurkha Infantry from Hongkong and two Royal Air Force squadrons as combat reinforcements in the guerilla infested jungles.

The Gurkhas and two companies of Camerons—900 men altogether—arrived here nine days ago.

The air reinforcements included No. 84 Squadron, the Brigade of Middle East Force. The Hussars who are to join them are Queen Mary's Own.

Meanwhile, news of fresh clashes between British security forces and guerillas reached Singapore today.

In the Muar area of Johore State, a European police sergeant and special constables were ambushed while travelling

London Express Near Disaster

London, May 2.—Three hundred passengers — including Queen Elizabeth's brother, the Hon. David Bowes Lyon — escaped injury today when a London-bound express train ripped up 100 metres of track and "leaped-frogged" over twisted sleepers as it was passing through a north London suburb.

The train was travelling about 75 kilometres an hour when the platon and connecting rod fell from the engine and cut into the sleepers. Coaches swayed violently but none was derailed, as the driver fought to bring the train to a standstill.

The main line to the north was blocked for about three hours.—Reuter.

Liberals Reject Tory Offer

London, May 2.—The leaders of the Liberal Party today gave an official rejection to the overtures of the Conservative Party for an anti-Socialist Coalition.

After a three-hour meeting of the Liberal Party Committee, the Chairman, Mr Clement Davies, said: "The Liberal Party Committee assures Liberals in the country that it has no intention of compromising the independence of the Liberal Party."

The Liberals polled 2,600,000 votes at the last General Election, but returned only nine Members to Parliament.

In the new Parliament, these nine occupy almost a balance of power position.

Today's statement was the official Liberal answer to the proposal of the Chairman of the Conservative Party, Lord Woolton, last weekend that Liberal and Conservative candidates should make some arrangement not to oppose each other at the

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EDITORIAL

Education In Communist China

MAO Tse-tung is a poet. Chou En-lai, the Premier, is a Confucian scholar and the descendant of mandarins. Confucianism is in the bones of the Chinese, who do not change easily. For these reasons many people have not expected that the Chinese revolution would mean a serious break with China's cultural tradition. It is too early to know whether they are right. But a few days ago an informative statement was made by Lu Ting-yi, the director of the Information Department of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist party. He began by quoting Mao Tse-tung's maxim, "We must strive to transform China, which has been made backward and ignorant under the domination of the old culture, into an enlightened and advanced nation under the domination of a new culture." The Communist party, according to Lu Ting-yi, has two objects in education. One is "to shift cultural and educational work, hitherto in the hands of a small number of people, on to the basis of the broad labouring masses." The second is "to make culture and education effectively serve the restoration and development of the country's production." It looks as if the Chinese Government will be even more interested in the second objective than in the first, and it seems also that it has swallowed the Soviet propaganda that Russia is the only State which has based itself on science. "A yearning for the highly developed science and culture of Soviet Russia has animated the Chinese youth," says Lu Ting-yi. He paints a picture of a China to be run by scientists, which might have satisfied even that great scientific visionary—and great Philistine—Francis Bacon. But having explained all this, Lu Ting-yi adds one or two details which take the

reader aback. A "Michurin Society" is being set up in China. Will this society swallow Lysenko? Lu Ting-yi states the new theory of Chinese education: Peking radio has given an account of its practice. It describes one of the "revolutionary colleges" which are "helping intellectuals of the old regime to fit into the new-democratic society. Since 1949 there have been 200,000 graduates from these institutions. The course takes two terms, lasting one year. The college described is in the western hills near Peking. Most of the 5,000 students had not joined the college in a very co-operative mood. Some had been content to secure six months' free board and lodging. A few had hoped to sabotage the work of the institution. . . . A meeting was called when the students were informed that there were Kuomintang agents among them, some of them carrying arms; but the school authorities felt sure that these students would come to change their way of thinking. In the end, sixty pistols were handed in, and all agents admitted their former status. . . . Sessions of theoretical study were followed by frank discussion of views where students helped to expose to each other their anti-social tendencies. They collected their own papers collectively. Gradually, a dwindling minority of unco-operative students came under the pressure of their fellows. All but five of the 5,000 students graduated." (It is a proportion which recalls the results of elections in the New Democracies.) "Reports from all over China show that the graduates are doing well in their new posts." It would be interesting to know what happened to the five who were ploughed. Officially they are described as "expelled for stealing and sabotage."

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WOMANSENSE

The keynotes are tailormades, court shoes and a basic colour scheme

Wardrobe secrets of 4 smart girls

—who manage it on modest budgets and lots of ingenuity and patience

By EILEEN ASCROFT

LARGE incomes do not necessarily mean smart wardrobes. They do make fashion-following easier, but women who can afford to pay £150 for a couturier outfit all too often spoil the perfect suit with the wrong accessories.

The real fashion triumph is the smart, all-purpose wardrobe maintained on a strictly budget basis.

We picked our four smart girls today at random in shops and offices. Two of them spend under £100 a year on their clothes, the other two under £200.

Their secrets are tailormades, simplicity and fashions which do not date.

Fussy, extreme fashions are out, colour schemes are carefully planned, clothes must be interchangeable and time spent on cleaning, stitching and pressing to give that well-turned-out, "bandbox" look.

Notice all four choose simple court shoes, wear little jewellery and never go hatless in town.



DEIDRE DE VILLIERS and JACQUELINE CHARLES

and new accessories to brighten old outfits."

Jacqueline Charles

is a 24-year-old actress just starting her career. Her appearance is all-important to her. She is small, and she reckons that £150 a year is spent on her wardrobe.

Small, dark, just starting work on her third film as a French nurse, Jacqueline Charles, black for town and bottle green for country, rings the changes with white pique trimmings, coloured French fabric gloves, which she washes herself, and gay little hats which she models frequently.

For evenings she has plain black skirts and lots of bright tops.

Walking in St. James's Park she wears a plain skirt and tailored blouse in black and white, with big butterfly collar and cuffs, black calf accessories, short fabric gloves and a hip-length mushroom topcoat which she wears sometimes belted, sometimes loose.

The little black hat, ocellot-trimmed with black velvet brim and coque, is a "teen and twenty" model.

Jacqueline devotes two evenings a week in her service flat to being her own wardrobe mistress and beauty expert. She does lots of remodeling herself and likes interchangeable outfits and mixed materials, such as cotton and wool, and seal fobs and earrings.

Chief extravagances are: "new make-up and French perfumes."

Dawn Richards

is not quite 17 and has a lot to teach teen-agers on simple wardrobe-planning. She spends a little over £25 a year on her

clothes and works in Digby Morton's Mayfair salon, dressing the model girls and looking after the £50-£100 models.

Dawn is small and dark, lives with her parents at Hayes, and when she gets home, in the canteen (incidentally, one of the best lunches in town, three courses and coffee for 1s. 3d.), she wears a simple black wool skirt she made herself with a black jacket (once red, now dyed and reshaped at home).

Her emerald green beret she picked up in a sale for 5s., little did it about and of a shiny white marquette on the top with another pinned on her white pique scarf, contrived out of an old evening waistcoat.

A little time every night before bed is given over to ironing, pressing and alterations, and making her own lingerie and simple frocks and blouses.

No jewellery, simple court shoes and interchangeable, all-purpose clothes complete Dawn's wardrobe. No evening dresses, because "I don't need them yet."

Patricia Reeve

is blonde, blue-eyed, slim and 26 years old. She works in a display department of a big Street store and lives with her parents while her husband is on business in South America.

Good "utilities" play a prominent part in Patricia's wardrobe. Putting finishing touches to a display model in one of her windows, she wears a utility suit, in black and white bird's eye design, with a slim skirt and boxy jacket over one of the latest white pique waistcoats tucked at the neck with a brooch of marcasite.

Black, navy and grey are her basic colours and she likes to introduce fashion whims in accessories such as the new tan-ginger shade in gloves and hat.

She buys four hats a year, always wears them in town and retires them herself. Evening dresses she has made from washable Seersuckers and Dories Anglaises.

Winter coats and nice suits are her chief extravagances and keeping her wardrobe in trim takes several hours every week.

"Smart appearance killers," says Patricia, "are headscarves, over-fussy fashions and badly planned accessories."

(London Express Service)



DAWN RICHARDS.



PATRICIA REEVE



DEIDRE DE VILLIERS

FASHION CLOSE-UPS: 1, Patricia Reeve's white waist coat; 2, Dawn Richards' scarf and flower; 3, Jacqueline Charles' black tailored shirt; 4, Gipsy ear-rings worn by Deidre de Villiers.

DON'T NEGLECT A COUGH...
IT'S ONLY A SYMPTOM

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

NOWADAYS, when so many people smoke, there is a tendency to regard every cough as simply due to too many cigarettes. This is a bad thought because it often means neglect of coughing which signals some really serious disorder.

There are many different types of coughing and these are so distinct that years ago, when modern methods of diagnosis were not available, doctors relied heavily on the mere sound of the cough to tell them what was wrong. For example, a brassy cough indicates swelling of the great artery coming from the heart. Its enlargement causes pressure on the windpipe and this, in turn, stimulates the coughing attacks.

Croupy Cough. A croupy cough is commonly associated with conditions which produce swellings of the larynx or voicebox. Coughing, in attacks, may mean whooping cough or some other condition which produces an excessive amount of secretion in the windpipe and the tubes in

THE PISTOL FROM JAPAN



Here's a miniature automatic pistol (see picture). It looks a neat, well-finished weapon.

You press the trigger. There is a click and the pistol is disclosed as a cigarette lighter.

Stamped on the bottom are the words, "Made in Occupied Japan."

These lighters are on sale in New York for less than a dollar.

(London Express Service)

Have a Smooth Complexion



Lovely Movie Star Abigail Adams keeps her complexion fresh and glowing by cleansing it thoroughly before applying any fresh cosmetics. A good rule to remember, too.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IS your face free of wrinkles, not even a tiny line showing? That's fine and dandy. You still carry youthful radiance of appearance? Grand! Do right by yourself and your face will stay that way, all through the years.

Keep it. Pay heed to nutrition, eating a variety of foods so that you will get all the elements that are necessary for well-being. Drink plenty of water. Breathe deeply, get a certain amount of exercise, preferably out of doors. Keep freedom from worry as an insurance against facial furrows.

Remember, the more oil and friction you give your complexion the longer it will survive in a state of perfection. It has enemies—dust, strong sunlight, harsh winds. It has to have care if it is not to succumb to good looks hazards.

Arm yourself with a thin cream to use when the skin is chapped or when you would make yourself a pretty new face all day on the high lights from the make-up box. You will also need a heavy emollient to apply at bed time. This should remain on over-night if you are to get full benefits. If the skin is to stay smooth and of good texture.

Before massaging it is important that the skin surface should be scrupulously clean. Find a bland soap or exfoliant. While all soaps are excellent, these days, one may prove more agreeable than another; also it may happen that the skin will enjoy a change.

Use cream freely on the neck with up and down strokes of flattened fingers. Don't skip the back of your neck where discolorations can sneak up on you.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Vitamin-Packed Fruit

Dinner

HERE is a wooden box that has just arrived from California. I have removed the cover. Just see what we have, treasure from the sun! Four kinds of raisins: beautiful dried clusters ready to eat right from the stem; and these gold and green and red one-pound paper boxes there are seedless raisins, seeded raisins and blond raisins.

As we tasted each variety we were impressed with their fine quality, sweetness and delightful flavor. "All these raisins are pleasantly moist, Madame; that is evidently because they are packed in these new kinds of boxes to keep in the humidity. They will not be dried out, so it will be easy to use them in baking. As for these cluster raisins, in one moment, Madame, you will see them assembled into a favourite continental dessert."

Natural Foods

"Well Chef, I can certainly join in your enthusiasm. This raisin-nut platter presents natural foods at their best, and no cooking bother. What a delightful dessert to serve with coffee!"

"Madame, these seeded raisins in this box are really exceptional. They melt in the mouth. How do they get out the seeds?"

"By using a raisin seeder, Chef, which is an adaptation of Eli Whitney's cotton gin. The same sharp little mechanical fingers pull out the seeds from the raisins as pull the seeds out of the cotton boll."

"And here is a box of seedless raisins."

"Oh, they're of the Thompson seedless variety. A man named Thompson brought the first cuttings of this seedless raisin vine from a vineyard near Constantinople about 1870."

"And these blond raisins, which are bleached—were they also dried in the sun?"

"No, they are dehydrated instead. If they were dried in the sun they would be dark in colour."

"We chefs always use these blond raisins in making light fruit cakes and stamed puddings."

"We should use many more raisins than we do Chef. They are reasonable in price, taste heavenly and what a prize food of value!"

Vitamins A, B, and C plus the minerals, iron and copper. How much more perfect blood deficiencies than 35 min in a moderate even, to be forced to take liver shots to overcome them."

Put 1 lb. seeded raisins into a pt.-sized sauce pan. Add 2 c. hot water and let stand 30 min. Then add the grated rind of 1 lemon, 1/2 tsp. powdered ginger, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1 c. sugar. Simmer about 25 min. or until the raisins are very tender and the resulting syrup is rich. Then add the juice of 1 lemon and cool. Measure time prepare once the recipe for plain pie pastry, or use a pie mix. Line a 9" pie plate with the raisin mixture. Cover with a little more than half the raisin mixture. Bake 30 to 35 min in a moderate oven, 350-375 F. Serve cold, preferably the day it is baked.

Crisp-Cross Raisin Pie

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Crisp-Cross Raisin Pie

THE OTHER WOMAN CAN STAND ON HER HEAD AND ALSO WASH BEHIND HER EARS



The crowds neglect Winnie—queue for Brumas.

Winnie-the-Plush outbears Brumas

London. Two young females are at war in the Zoo. It is the sort of war that arises when a new film star tries to rival an established favourite.

Favourite of the Zoo is That Bear Brumas, rising five months.

Thousands flock to see Brumas on the Mappin Terraces, stand up to an hour in a queue to get a glimpse of her. But only a few surround the Other Woman.

This rival to Brumas in popular favour is Winnie, two-year-old Syrian bear, now on show in the round pit near the lion house, where Lien Ho, the dead giant panda, used to be.

Winnie is an engaging and playful creature made apparently of golden plush. She is the living original of the nursery teddy.

With thousands milling to catch even a glimpse of Brumas, only 25 people stood round the pit where Winnie played them a show of her engaging tricks.

BETTER VALUE

"I queued three-quarters of an hour to see Brumas," said Mr. George Odell, holidaying in London from Devon with his wife and children, four-year-old Paul and 12-month-old Philip.

"This bear is much better value. Soon she will draw the crowds like Brumas." Big advantage of Winnie, the new attraction—you can see her at leisure.

Winnie was flown to London last year from Persia. There she was a household pet and learned a variety of tricks, which she loves to show off to her admirers at the Zoo.

BUILDS SANDCASTLES

She plays with anything. She threw a rag about and chased it like a puppy, sometimes standing on her hind legs to take applause.

Hainan Entirely In Red Hands

Taipei, May 2.—Nationalist China today officially announced that Hainan Island, last major air and sea blockade base outside Formosa itself, was completely in Communist hands.

A Nationalist spokesman, Chen Chang-hua, said in a three and a half page statement that Nationalist claims of a victory on Hainan on April 22 were followed immediately by a surge of Communist reinforcements that turned the tide.

He said that the Communists lost 7,191 men in killed and wounded and 1,169 prisoners, and that more than 800 invasion vessels were sunk.—Reuter.

K. O. CANNON



TRYING HIS LUCK



H. D. E. BARTON checks the rope aboard his five-ton sloop Vertue XXXV, in Lymington, England. Barton and a friend will attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean to prove what a well-designed, small yacht can do. Only once before has so small a vessel made the 3,600-mile crossing. (Acme)

SWAPPED TYPEWRITER FOR CAGEFUL OF LIONS

By Derry Moran

Dublin. Lots of people hate their office jobs, but most only gripe about it. Ray Walker was different. Four years ago she swapped her typewriter for a cageful of lions. Today, slim, pretty and soft-spoken, Ray is a lion-tamer known for her top-of-the-bill act throughout South Africa, the Continent and Britain.

Ever since childhood Ray had a way with animals, but it wasn't until she was "bored to death" with an office job in South Africa that she handled a cat larger than hearth rug size.

She was fresh out of the British Women's Auxiliary Air Force, looking for adventure on a small gratuity but getting no further than another office job.

Then she saw a circus and decided to try a long shot. To her amazement she found herself in sole charge of 10 lionesses and a tiger, all fresh from the jungle, on the understanding that if she could train them she was in the circus business.

Six months later she had her own act on the road. For two years she toured South Africa. Then she met a lanky Australian vaudeville actor named Michael Lane, whose aversion for lions was overcome by his feelings for their trainer. Finding marriage a whole-time job, Ray disposed of her lions and went to Australia for a year.

BACK IN LONDON

Then, back in London, she began touring British music halls and variety theatre with a team of lions someone else had trained.

After a tour of Germany, Ray handed them over and came to the circus's winter quarters in County Dublin to collect and train her own team of lion cubs.

Now she is on the road again with a team of five Irish-born lions whose names were chosen from the pages of Irish history—Red Hugh, Owen Roe, Sarsfield, Finbar and Kevin.

Ray is proud that her act is different—no cracking whips, upraised chair or phoney fierceness.

No lion-tamer worthy of the name will work cats into a state

Thousands Seek Away-from-it-all In Monastery

By Frederick Cook

Apprehensive over the atomic age, worried by the trend of the times, thousands of young New Yorkers are becoming "week-end monks" at a Passionist Fathers' monastery in suburban Jamaica, Long Island.

They observe the strict rule of silence from the time of their arrival each Friday evening until sundown on Sunday. No telephone calls are allowed. There is no radio. And no newspapers may be brought in.

They spend the time telling their rosaries, in meditation and prayer, attending Mass, receiving the sacraments and just strolling in silence. Only an occasional traffic noise from outside breaks the peace of the monastery.

Father Cosmas Shaughnessy said: "Our retreat is so taxed that we are turning away every week-end. We are absolutely swamped. The men come here simply because they must get closer to their God."

A MONSTER

"These laymen know that science has become a Frankenstein monster, its growth utterly shorn of the commonsense laws of morality. They know, too, that prayer and meditation can do wonders for one's peace of mind."

Some 50,000 "retreatants" have already sojourned at the monastery. They are now helping to raise funds to build a new and larger retreat house for others who wish to go. Retreatants in recent weeks have included 143 Protestants and 10 Jews, Presbyterian and Congregationalist ministers.

So great is the pressure at week-ends that many men have to sleep on the floors and in corridors.

INSIDE TIPS

A ship's bell starts the day's routine at 6.30. At discourses during the week-end, Father Cosmas probes all manner of the problems afflicting life on the "outside"—business difficulties, marital troubles, fear of mental or physical illness, war and the threat of war.

Mr. D. J. Askin, chief of a Brooklyn lorry firm, is head of the "Retreat League." He is the "movement," he said, "is nation wide. There is a tremendous upsurge of interest in closed retreats. It is the most interesting phenomenon in American religious life—a very healthy sign."

(London Express Service)

GRAVES OF BRITISH SOLDIERS

Annual report of the Imperial War Graves Commission for the year ended March 31, 1949 states that among cemeteries completed during that period were Acroma (Knightsbridge) in Cyrenaica, where the building of Tobruk and Benghazi cemeteries is well under way.

Cemeteries were also finished at Catania in Sicily and Dieppe (Hautot-sur-mer), which contains the graves of many killed in the Dieppe raid of August 1942.

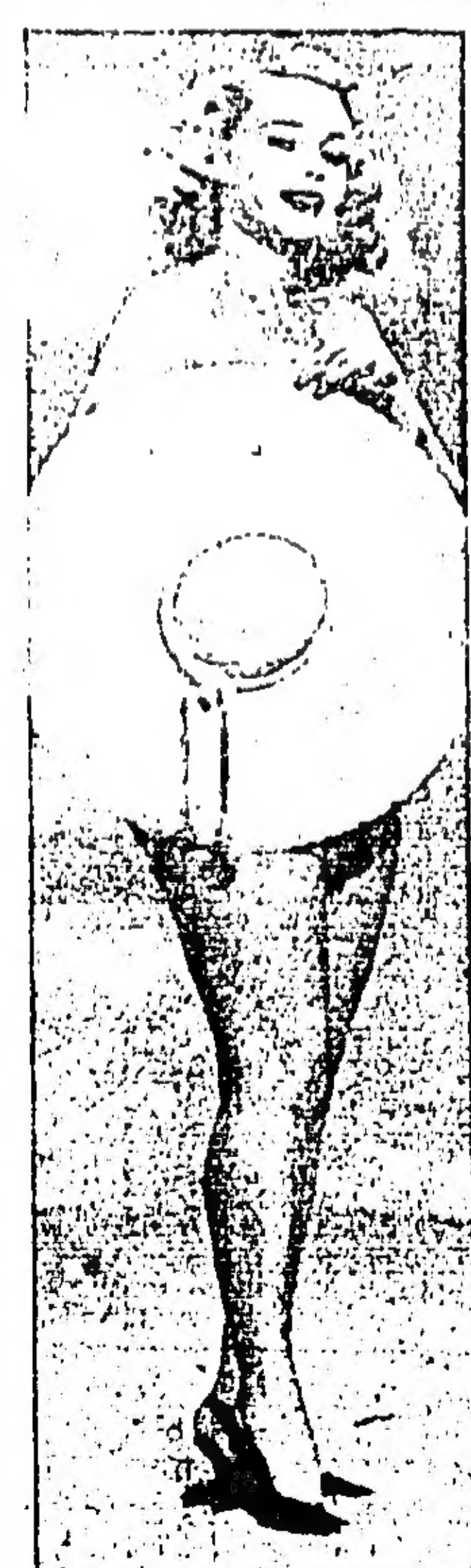
There had been a great increase in people visiting war cemeteries. An offer of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to maintain permanently free of charge British war graves in Luxembourg had been accepted.

By the end of the year the Commission had recorded 332,000 British Commonwealth graves of which 78,000 were in the United Kingdom. It was estimated that total casualties were approximately 500,000 and the total graves 340,000.

To the lists of civilian war dead had been added the names of internees, who died in captivity in the Far East, and these brought the total to 65,000.

Payments during the year amounted to £254,158 on 1014-15 graves and to £210,000 on 1030-45 graves.

DUAL PURPOSE



SHAPELY Marie Wilson went down to the beach at Santa Monica, California, to try this cartwheel hat for size. Designed for beach wear, it also can be used as a shield against the enthusiastic stares of male passersby who may not be interested in just millinery. (Acme)

Nuvolari At The Wheel—Aged 58

By Basil Cardow

Palermo, Sicily.

Tazio Nuvolari, world's Number One racing driver, took me tonight on a 300-mile run through the heart of the Sicilian bandit country to prove

1 That he has recovered from his two-year illness, and

2 That Salvatore Giuliano, the bandit chief, has only the best intentions for Sunday's 670-mile road race.

Twenty-eight-year-old Giuliano operates in a small area west of Palermo.

We drove up to the edge of his parish and stopped to tell the locals we would be back in an hour or so.

Nuvolari, aged 58, showed me, at 90 miles an hour, how he can corner without touching the brakes.

He changes down his gears so quickly and cleanly that his back wheels almost lock and the car goes into a broadside skid. At the peak of the skid, he accelerates violently out of the corner.

That, he said, is called a Christiana, a racing trick he invented when his front brakes jammed.

By long controlled skids at very high speed he showed how he keeps another car from passing him on bends and turns.

Donkey carts, peasants, and dogs flashed by, for the roads were open to normal traffic.

"Why don't you scream?" said the grinning Nuvolari. "My mechanics often do."

He held the wheel with the lightest touch, his arms almost fully extended and his feet only just appearing to reach the pedals.

The whine of his car echoed among the mountain passes. Then, "I think I have shown you enough. We go back."

AN AMBUSH?

WE swept back through Giuliano's country. On a lonely stretch a group of men blocked the road. Our car screamed to a stop. The men back on the banking. Ambush?—No. Giuliano's men?—No. Just a level-crossing.

Nuvolari told me how his two-year illness had been caused by the fumes of the alcohol fuel he uses in his racing cars.

For Grand Prix racing he plans to use a mask fitted with a rubber tube to draw in fresh air.

We stopped for coffee. Soon the coffee house was full of people seeking to shake their idol's hand.

Then on again, talking of our young Stirling Moss, "a man with a great racing future"; and Lord Howe, "a great gentleman driver"; and of the Italian, French, and German stars he has met and defeated.

Back at Palermo his friends greeted us wide-eyed. The great Nuvolari had shown the secrets of his technique to a stranger? And the no-interview man had talked freely? Unbelievable!

Nuvolari just grinned: "I was in the mood," he said.

(London Express Service)

TAKING IT EASY



MONIELE Goddet, French showgirl, bares her shoulders to the sun at Sestriere, Italy, and completely relaxes amid the beautiful snowy background of the famous resort. The dark-haired girl takes her sunshine standing up. (Acme)



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Malan's Commonwealth Discourse Leaves Canadians Guessing

Tiger Loose In Calcutta

Calcutta, May 2.—Radio patrol police tracked down and killed a 10-foot Bengal tiger in downtown Calcutta early today.

Terrified inhabitants near the New Market, main shopping centre, found a tiger in their midst as they departed for work just before daybreak. The animal had escaped some time earlier while being transferred from one cage to another at a nearby animal dealer's shop.—United Press.

New Spirit May Speed Kashmir Settlement

Lake Success, May 2.—The long dispute between India and Pakistan over the State of Jammu and Kashmir may be settled finally by direct negotiations without requiring the services of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz as plebiscite administrator for the United Nations.

This is the contention which is emerging from certain recent moves and from talks with high authorities here.

In an informal talk with several correspondents today Admiral Nimitz, appointed administrator over a year ago, said that it was "not beyond possibility" that the Kashmir problem might be solved without any kind of plebiscite.

He said that he was basing this view largely on certain statements made recently by Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, in Karachi.

Though he was not prepared to go into any detail, he thought that Sir Mohammed's statement was a clear indication that the dispute might be settled by direct negotiations between the two countries.

Admiral Nimitz made this statement on the eve of departing for his farm home in San Francisco, where he was spending his retirement when the call came from the United Nations in March, 1949.

The United Nations said today that he would remain at his home "until such time as his services are required as plebiscite administrator in the sub-continent."—Reuter.

Liberals Reject Tory Offer

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next General Election.

Lord Woolton, in a speech, listed nine points of policy on which, he claimed, the Conservatives and Liberals were agreed.—Reuter.

LORDS FROWN

London, May 2.—Both Government and Opposition leaders in the House of Lords tonight frowned on the idea of a national coalition Government for Britain.

An Independent peer, Lord Elton, proposed to urge the leaders of all three Parties to issue an agreed statement on the measures needed to meet the economic emergency and to form a national Government to carry that out.

Lord Addison, Government leader, said that the suggestion was "not practical politics" at present.

"As far as there is a crisis, we are gradually overcoming it," he said.

Lord Salisbury, Conservative leader, admitted that a coalition "has very considerable advantages in dealing with a supreme emergency," but added, "I personally think it is very wrong to regard it as an ideal form of Government. On the contrary it leads to certain extremely bad results."

Lord Elton withdrew his motion.—Reuter.

SKYSCRAPERS FOR MOSCOW

London, May 2.—Eight new skyscrapers, including a 20-storey building to house 2,000 offices, are being erected in Moscow, according to a Tass agency message picked up in London today.

"In contrast to American skyscrapers with their dead lines," the agency commented, "the tall buildings are characterized by their harmony of form and are permeated with true grandeur. They will be splendid edifices of the Stalin epoch."—Reuter.

Ottawa, May 2.—The South African Premier, Dr Daniel Malan's statement that Canada was "particularly dissatisfied" with her present Commonwealth position seemed to have many Canadians puzzled — and guessing — today.

Dr Malan made the statement when he told the Union Senate yesterday that great changes in the structure of the British Commonwealth left "no doubt that there would be a change in the present title of King George."

The King's position in the affection of the great majority of Canadians is as strong today as it was during the highly successful, Royal tour in 1939.

And there has been nothing very dramatic in any constitutional changes made so far and nothing dramatic or sensational seems likely in the future.

There is some "dissatisfaction" with Canada's position in the British Commonwealth.

This varies widely in different regions from the Quebec Extremists who want Canada to become a Republic to the few people in British Columbia who would welcome a return to virtually colonial status.

SATISFIED

But between these two great extremes most of the people have shown a desire for complete constitutional independence within the Commonwealth and seem satisfied with steps taken in the last five years.

These include the dropping of the word "Dominion" from the name Canada, establishment of Canadian citizenship as distinct from British citizenship, and referring to King George as "King of Canada."

A few more steps are still being discussed. These are to set up machinery by which all amendments to the Canadian Constitution can be made in

Second Holy Year Saint

Vatican City, May 2.—

Preparations have begun for the canonisation next Sunday of the Blessed Antonio Maria Claret, a Spaniard, at St Peter's Church in Rome. Thousands of candles, offered by the Spanish faithful and missionaries all over the world of the Order of the Children of the Sacred Heart of Mary, have been lit on all the altars of the Church.

The pontifical Mass will be said by Pope Pius XII. This is the second canonisation effected during the Holy Year.

The Order of the Children of the Sacred Heart of Mary was founded in 1849 in Vichy, France. It has about 4,000 members distributed in Central America, Africa and other countries, and has headquarters in Panama and Great Britain.—United Press.

Special Mission To Teheran

New Delhi, May 2.—A special mission, comprising six Indian Army officers, left for Teheran today in an Indian Air Force Dakota to represent India at the ceremonial reburial of the remains of the former King of Iran, Reza Shah Pahlavi, on May 6.

The mission will be headed by India's Ambassador in Teheran, Syed Ali Zaher.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I don't like these new suits with the string bean lines either—but we'd probably run and buy one if we were still single and slaves to fashion!"

Five Girls On European Tour



On a six months' tour of Europe are four American girls and one Canadian in two of the most luxurious cars ever seen. They have already driven their cars through Scandinavia, the three zones of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France. Next, they come to London before taking the roads of England and Scotland. All five girls are unmarried, not even engaged. They made up the party at their educational camp, Four Winds, on the Pacific coast 100 miles from Seattle. Cost of the tour will be about £1,000 apiece. — Express.

Missing Aircraft Believed Safe

Paris, May 2.—A plane carrying 12 passengers, including the French High Commissioner for the Cameroons, and six children, missing since yesterday, was tonight found with all passengers safe, according to unconfirmed reports from Algiers.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Overseas Territories said tonight that the Ministry had received a message from the Governor of French Nigeria, saying that the plane had been found near Temo.

The spokesman said the report must have been transmitted from the village in the most primitive fashion.

"We are waiting for the search parties to reach the spot indicated," he added.

The missing aircraft, due in Gao last night, is the personal plane of the High Commissioner of the Cameroons, M. Jean Soucardoux, whose wife and two children left Kano with him.

Also in the plane were the chief pilot's four children.

An Air France aircraft left Algiers early this morning to search for the missing aircraft. The plane radioed an SOS across the Sahara to Algiers and Tunisia bases at midnight yesterday, saying it had lost its way and was forced to land at the edge of the desert in North French Sudan.

Earlier reports that the plane was carrying the Governor-General of French West Africa, M. Paul Bechard, proved incorrect when it was learned that the High Commissioner, M. Soucardoux, had left Kano on board his personal plane for Algiers yesterday.—Reuter.

New Trade Union Law In China

San Francisco, May 2.—The Chinese Communists' Government Administration Council has passed and published a draft of a new trade union law which defines the legal status and functions of trade unions in Communist China.

The draft is to be submitted to the Central Government Council for final approval, Peking Radio said tonight.

The main part of the draft deals with rights of trade unions.—Reuter.

60,000,000 Refugees In The World

Geneva, May 2.—The world has 60,000,000 refugees—people barred legally and materially from ordinary human life and enjoyment—the International Committee of the Red Cross said today in a call to Governments for aid.

M. Paul Ruegger, the President of the Committee, told a press conference: "This most distressing figure" included some 16,720,000 refugees in Europe, many of them Volks-deutsche (people of German ethnic origin) M. Ruegger said.

He estimated that there were about 900,000 refugees in the Middle East, 16,000,000 in India and Pakistan, one million in Burma.

The homeless millions in China and other Far Eastern countries were "mere guesswork," he added.

The Committee had asked the Governments:

1.—If they are prepared to grant it all facilities to ensure general assistance and protection to refugees and Stateless persons, when here is no authority recognized as competent to do so.

2.—If they are prepared to examine the probable financial demands of such a scheme.—Reuter.

Channel Swimmer Divorced

London, May 2.—Edward Harry "Ted" Temme, top trainer of English Channel swimmers, was divorced by his wife today for alleged adultery in a London hotel with Mrs. Willy Croes van Rysel, Dutch Channel swimmer.

Temme, 45, did not contest his wife's petition and she was granted the divorce. Mrs. Van Rysel did not appear and was not represented. Mrs. Van Rysel failed twice last summer in attempts to swim the Channel.—United Press.

Important Cuts In Tariffs Announced In United States

Washington, May 2.—The United States will cut tariffs on butter, olive oil and lemons within a month and consider tariff concessions on several hundred other items.

The cuts on duties for butter, olive oil, lemons and a number of other agricultural products became automatic when Italy and Denmark formally signed a tariff agreement negotiated last year at Annecy, France.

In return Italy and Denmark will ease their restrictions on imports of some American manufactured goods.

The arrangements were made under the Reciprocal Trade Act which authorizes the State Department to negotiate limited tariff concessions.

State Department officials disclosed they were about to nominate hundreds of other items for possible tariff concessions. Included will be both agricultural and manufactured goods. The list probably will be made public in about a week.

THE ANSWER IS 'NO'

London, May 2.—The British Government announced today that it did not intend to introduce a Bill to outlaw the Communist Party.

Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, had asked it, in view of the increased Communist infiltration in Britain, as shown by the strike in the London hotel with Mrs. Willy Croes van Rysel, Dutch Channel swimmer.

In a written reply, Mr. de Freitas, Under-Secretary of the Home Office, said: "No."—Reuter.

Russia Walks Out 22nd Time

Lake Success, May 2.—Russia today brought her number of walk-outs from United Nations bodies to 22 when the Russian representative on a small group left in protest against continued recognition of the Chinese Nationalist representative.

Mr. P. Chernyshev, Russian representative on the seven-nation Committee on statistical classification, made a formal proposal to expel the Chinese Nationalist representative.

No other delegate supported his proposal, France, the United States and the Netherlands abstained. The British member of the Committee was not present.

The Russian representative declared before leaving that the Soviet Union would not recognize any Committee decisions taken while the "representative of the Kuomintang group" remained.

Soviet delegates have now withdrawn from all major organs of the United Nations except the General Assembly.

Today's walk-out left less than a dozen bodies in which Russia is still represented, United Nations officials estimated.

The only body of any importance in which a Soviet member is still nominally present is the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, but when this body meets in Bangkok later this month the Soviet delegate is expected to make his usual complaint against the Chinese Nationalist representative and then withdraw.

Radio Hongkong

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County Cricket

NO POINT FOR GLAMORGAN FROM THE FIRST MATCH OF THE SEASON

London, May 2.—A great spell by the England fast medium bowler, Alec Bedser, which enabled Surrey to take first innings points against Glamorgan, and a faultless century by Murray Hofmeyr, Oxford University's South African batsman, were the highlights of today's cricket.

After the brief summerlike spell yesterday, rain again took a part today, interrupting three of the four matches.

Alec Bedser took six for 18 for Surrey in the first County match of the season to help Glamorgan of the first innings lead which, at the overnight close, they seemed virtually certain to get.

Shy Stenographer After World Sprint Record

Glendale, California, May 2.—The Australian sprint star, Miss Marjorie Jackson, said yesterday that Southern California's top track coaches would be turning out to help her train for the Los Angeles Coliseum relays on May 19.

Besides her regular mentor, former Olympic coach Dean Cromwell, the University of Southern California coach, Jesse Hill, was on hand to watch her work out on the Coliseum track yesterday. She said Ducky Drake, coach of the University of California and the Los Angeles track squad, offered suggestions last Thursday.

Cromwell, who has been preparing the 10-year-old flash for more than a week for her attempt to crack the world's 100 yards dash record on an

American track, said the girl from Down Under was "running like a bullet."

LIKE PATTON

He said: "She has a good stride and good start. She is built something like Mel Patton—only a girl."

Miss Jackson worked out with 10-year-old Betty Lawrence who ran against Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen in the 1949 Coliseum Relays. She concentrated on perfecting her stride and accumulating herself to the hard-packed Coliseum track. She said she would not time her practice runs until the last few days before the Relays.

NOT HEAVIER
The shy, soft-spoken stenographer took time out from her strenuous training schedule to appear at a luncheon meeting of the Football Writers' Association in Los Angeles yesterday.

She told the gathering of coaches and sports writers she had managed to keep her weight down despite the fact that American food is richer than she was accustomed to. She said she weighed 120 pounds, just as she did when she left her home in Lithgow, Australia.

—United Press.

Ten Old Blues In Cambridge Cricket XI

Cambridge have an almost ready-made cricket side for the coming season.

The victorious team of the last inter-Varsity encounter, except Douglas Insola (joint captain of Essex), and P. J. Hall (medium paced bowler) have returned to Cambridge. Barry Fryer, spin bowler of '48, is also "up."

But it is not so simple as that. Some of the ten Blues in residence may not be in the big game at Lord's.

Several players of note have also gone up to Cambridge this year. P. B. H. May (Charterhouse and Pembroke), a soccer Blue, is a fine cricketer.

There is D. S. Sheppard (Sherborne and Trinity Hall), who as a schoolboy played for Sussex.

Cambridge want bowlers, and Herbert Doggart will have to watch carefully the performances of the Freshmen at the nets.

—(London Express Service)

With eight wickets standing, Glamorgan needed only 70 runs to take the lead when they resumed today, but they could add only 22 to their overnight total.

UNPLAYABLE FORM

Bedser, in almost unplayable form on the rain-soaked pitch, claimed the wickets of the last five batsmen.

Hofmeyr's 101 against Gloucester was his highest innings in English cricket. It was almost solely due to him that the University gained a first innings lead of 100.

Going in first, he was last out to a brilliant running catch on the square leg boundary by Gravely. He hit nine fours during his fruitless display and was at the wicket for four and a half hours, getting his last 60 runs in less than an hour.

A late stand by Alec Coxon (45) and J. Wardle (25), profiting by mistakes in the field, enabled Yorkshire to force the MCC to bat again at Leeds, but the home team lost the 22 runs needed for victory with 15 minutes to spare.

FINAL SCORES

Results of first-class matches ended today were:

At Oxford: the match between Oxford University and Gloucestershire was drawn. Gloucestershire 155 and 106 for 2 (Young not out 54), Oxford University 264 (Hofmeyr 101).

At the Oval: The County Championship match between Surrey and Glamorgan was drawn. Surrey 192, Glamorgan 145 (Parkhouse 62, Bedser 6 for 18).

At Cambridge: The match between Cambridge University and Sussex was drawn. Cambridge 359 for 5 declared, Sussex 126 for 6 (Cox not out 50).

At Lords: The MCC beat Yorkshire by nine wickets. Yorkshire 115 and 192, The MCC 284 for four wickets declared and 23 for 1.—Reuter.

Tom Haliburton Around In 64 At Wentworth

Wentworth, May 2.—Tom Haliburton, of North Middlesex, equalled the record on the East Course today in the first round of the Danlop 2,000 Guinea golf tournament with a card of 64.

On the West Course, which was also being used, Bobby Locke, the South African holder of the British Open title, R. G. French (West Surrey), H. Westman (Hantsbourne), W. S. Forrester (Royal Mid-Surrey), shared the lead each with rounds of 73, followed one stroke behind by Ossie Pickworth, the Australian Open Champion.

Haliburton led the East Course field by two strokes, with Ken Bousfield, of Combe Hill, and Arthur Lees, of Sunningdale, taking second place.

The field numbered 132 for the 90-holes tournament, the first major event to be held in professional tournament play over this distance. The score for each of the five rounds will count in the final aggregate.

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'SOUTHPAW' GESTURE



President Truman, to the delight of some 31,000 fans who filled Griffith Stadium, winds up to pitch a left-handed toss — which was followed by a right hand throw, to officially open the 1950 baseball season for the Washington Senators. With the President in the box are left to right: Margaret Truman, Mrs. Truman, Brig. Gen. Robert Landry, Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics and Vice Pres. Barkley.—Express.

One Cannot Help But Be Impressed By Yorkshire SAYS ARCHIE QUICK

With the arrival of the annual reports of the various county cricket clubs one cannot help but be impressed by the great strength of Yorkshire. That club towers above all others in resources, on and off the field, although this does not necessarily make a championship side.

One of the most significant things is that Norman Yardley is to continue as Captain for another season. I still stick to my prophecy that he will be England's skipper in Australia next winter. After all these years Ellis Robinson has retired from county cricket to go to the Leagues while Brian Close, the boy Test player, will not be available, firstly because he is in the Army, and secondly because he is in hospital at Catterick with a broken leg sustained at football.

The Yorkshire report reveals a 2-which is something most other counties do not do—and W. G. Keighley has been appointed second eleven Captain. But I hear about the health of that brilliant amateur wicket-keeper, D. V. Brennan.

And Brian Sellers are also being coached.

Derbyshire, concerned over batting failure last season have, I see, engaged Kelly of Lancashire and Hamer of Yorkshire as professionals. A testimonial has been given to Test fast bowler Bill Copson and Charlie Elliott is to get one this season.

BENEFIT FOR HUTTON

Len Hutton is to have a benefit in July at Leeds and the aim is for the total raised to exceed the total raised by rival Derbyshire in Cyril Washbrook's benefit. I note, by the way, that the membership list is temporarily closed and a wait-temperament is being, how all the other counties, hawking for members, must sigh with envy.

Hampshire, for instance, with 5,653 members makes an earnest call for an increase to cope with rising expenses. All the other counties are in a similar position.

Yorkshire, by the way, has Willie Sutcliffe, son of the great Herbert, as a senior amateur, while among the county's first-class players, son of late Medley Verity. The sons of Bill Bowes

JOHN MACADAM'S COLUMN

WALLY MAY TAKES A BODY BLOW

When next the boys of the boxing world are talking with voices husky with suppressed emotion of the circumstances of this old pal and that, they might well direct their thoughts to one of their number who has served the business of sport as well as, if not better than, most.

May is the name—Wally May, the phenomenal little Goliath-in-reverse who handled Len Harvey in the corner for most of his latter-day fights with an intensity of purpose that in some ways was a main ringside feature.

When Len—and who can forget this 12st. fighter—when both his eyes had been damaged by Jack Petersen, being carried from the White City ring by the bawled broad shoulders—hung up his gloves Wally did little else with the professionals.

He looked after amateurs, at least one "blue" among them, and gave massage to private patients, and one way and another busied himself on the fringes of physical recreation with actual, if not necessarily great, financial success.

Now he is ordered to give up all physical work "and it's not so easy when you're getting on for 60 and have been around the grocer and a butcher round the corner waiting for his whack."

—(London Express Service)

CRIPPLING BLOW

Reason for his decline in activity: a bug accident that has affected one leg and his spine. This is in both senses of the word a crippling blow to the man who once picked up all of 10st. 11lb and hoisted it easily above his head with one hand without turning a hair, not that he had many hairs to turn.

There was a time when he could hold back six men-in-line with one hand and pick four off the floor with his neck.

All this strong-man stuff started when he was a partially crippled child. He developed

abnormal strength of arm, neck, and chest because he spent his early childhood pulling himself round the house by his hands.

By the time he was 13, he was ready to go out into the world and earn himself a living as a professional lifter. Just after the first world war he was pressing 285lb. and he regards as his greatest feat a crucifix with an 80lb. lift in one hand and 75lb. in the other.

WANTS A GYM
Now it is finished, and Wally May wants to get a little gym of his own where, with a staff of manipulators, he can supervise the physical welfare of any who care for that sort of thing.

It isn't a lot for him to expect for he has put a great deal more into this particular culture than it is ever likely to give him—or, for that matter, any of his fast-passing kind of character.

While he was an active practitioner, he took the business with intense seriousness. Massage to him was no mere matter of rubbing. He believed implicitly that he was transferring strength from his body to that of his patient. He could lose pounds in a single rub. We have seen him do it.

So when the boys are looking around for one of their fellows to befriend, maybe they'll think of little smiling, strong-armed Wally May one of the best of them all.

—(London Express Service)

ON THE RECORD

The Swimmers Keep Getting Much Faster

By the time the Helsinki Olympic Games come around we may see something even more sensational than has been produced by Australian John Marshall and Japanese Hiroshi Furuhashi in free style swimming and they may yet meet before that far away date in 1952, probably even in a three-way affair with Alex Jany of France.

All three are young and the best may not have been seen from them. However, it is not their standard alone that is improving. The general standard has risen considerably since the Olympic Games in London in 1948.

The Olympic Champions were Wally Ris in the 100 Metres Free Style (57.5 seconds), Bill Smith in the 400 Metres Free Style (4 mins. 41 secs.), Jimmy McLane in the 1,500 Metres Free Style (19 mins. 18.5 secs.), Allen Stack in the 100 Metres Back Stroke (66.4 seconds) and John Verdur in the 200 Metres Breast Stroke (2 mins. 39.3 secs.).

In the past 10 months, all these times that were good enough for Olympic victories have been considerably improved upon. Alex Jany has returned 57 seconds in the 100 Metres Free Style; Marshall and Furuhashi have beaten Bill Smith's time when he scored his Olympic victory and Jimmy McLane has equalled the mark.

Jimmy McLane's winning time over 1,500 Metres has been beaten by Marshall and three Japanese. Allen Stack's 66.4 seconds for the 100 Metres Back Stroke has been beaten by himself and by Georges Vallery of France. Verdur's 2 minutes 39.3 seconds in the 200 Metres Breast Stroke has been beaten by no fewer than seven swimmers.

The Japanese have come back into world swimming, but they have no team balance and at the moment don't look a threat for Helsinki. The Australians, though, only Marshall is listed anywhere in the first ten in any event, seem a more promising proposition. There are a host of promising youngsters Down Under and they are all about to break into the top rank. Best of the lot is the new Empire Games Champion over 440 Yards, Garrick Agnew.

The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are producing top rank swimmers at an ever increasing pace and so are Germany and Austria. France, with rising stars in both men's and women's swimming, is fast getting established on the map.

Best times returned in the past 10 months are appended:

100 METRES FREE STYLE	
Alex Jany (France)	57.0
Wally Ris (USA)	57.5
John Marshall (Australia)	57.5
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—(London Express Service)

GUSSIE'S LATEST



"Guessie" Moran, the young American tennis star, seen in Rome, where she was taking part in the Italian Lawn Tennis Championships. With her is Fat di Cicco, a Hollywood film executive, who flew with her from Nice and is reported to be her latest fiancé.—Express.

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London Talks On Jap Peace Treaty

London, May 2.—The Commonwealth Consultative Committee to discuss the basis of a Japanese peace treaty held its second meeting in the British Cabinet offices here today.

The meeting was attended by officials and advisers from the High Commissioners' offices of the eight Commonwealth members. Mr. Maberly Denning, head of the Far Eastern division of the Foreign Office, was in the chair.

Today's meeting followed procedure agreed upon at yesterday's opening meeting, which was attended by the eight Commonwealth High Commissioners, presided over by the Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker.

An official communiqué said the purpose of the meeting was "to undertake a detailed consideration of a peace settlement for Japan." Officials said the discussions were "exploratory" and that no draft treaty for Japan would emerge from the conference.

It was understood that the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Krishna Menon, raised the question of whether representation at the conference should be delegated to subordinate officials in the High Commissioners' offices. Mr. Menon contended that the conference should be attended by the High Commissioners themselves. He said he had received no instructions from the Indian Government to the contrary.

INDIA'S ATTITUDE

As regards India's attitude to a Japanese peace treaty, Mr. Menon said he had no power to speak for his Government and he could only repeat what the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, had said at the Colombo conference.

Ceylon's High Commissioner, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, supported Mr. Menon and said he would seek instructions from his Government as to Ceylon's representation at the conference.

New Zealand supported Australia's stance, measures to ensure that Japan would not again menace world peace.

DEBATE ON WORDS

The Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. L. D. Williford, said his Government's position could not be stated until the United States draft treaty for Japan had been made known.

Much of yesterday's two and a half hour conference was given to a debate on the wording of the press communiqué. The original wording was: "The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate detailed consideration of the terms of a peace settlement for Japan."

The High Commissioner for Ceylon proposed that the word "undertake" should be substituted for "facilitate". His proposal was accepted after considerable debate.

Today's meeting of officials was understood to be concerned only with matters of procedure and the programme of future meetings. The series of conferences is expected to last for three weeks.—United Press.

CRUSADE OF GOODNESS

Vatican City, May 2.—An Italian Jesuit preacher, Padre Riccardo Lombardi, had to conduct his crusade of goodness amongst the Swiss people from a radio station in Austria, Vatican sources disclosed today.

Padre Lombardi was prevented from preaching in Switzerland by a law banning Jesuits. He was allowed, however, to give a press conference in Zurich, the Vatican sources said.—Reuter.

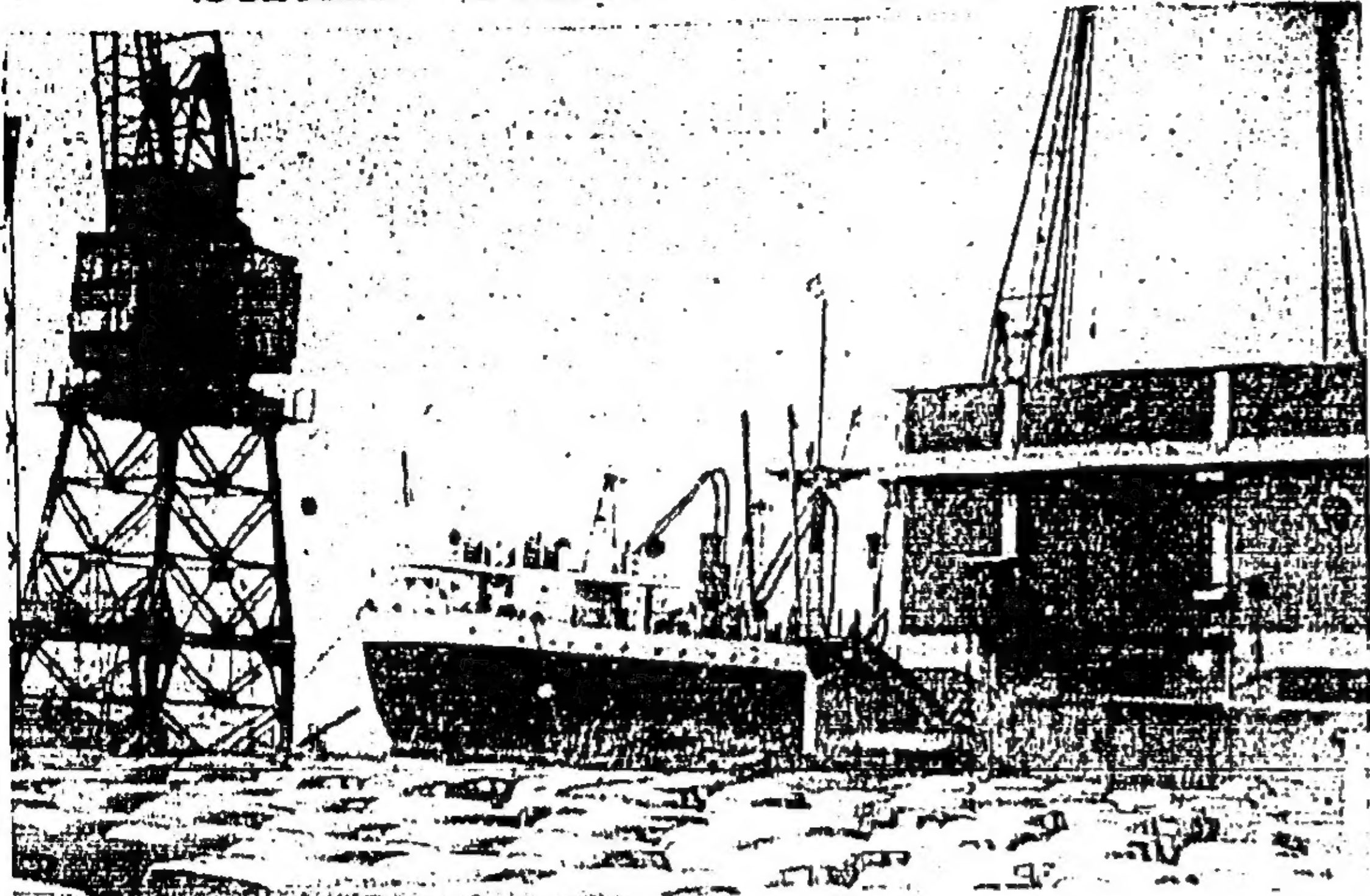
Charter Story Premature

The Hague, May 2.—An official spokesman said here tonight that the Sydney Daily Telegraph's report of five British liners being chartered to evacuate Dutch civilians from Indonesia was "premature."

The newspaper reported that the Dutch Government had chartered the P. & O. liners Ranchi and Chitral and the Orient Liner Ormonde and Otranto.

It was expected that the P. & O. liner Majada would also be used.—Reuter.

Strike Scene On Quayside



Picture shows cars for export lying on the quayside at the Royal Albert Docks during the recent London dockers' strike. It was the year's largest work stoppage in Britain. (London Express Service).

COMMUNISTS ARE TOOLS OF AN "INTERNATIONAL PREDATORY FORCE"

Tokyo, May 2.—General Douglas MacArthur, Allied Supreme Commander in Japan, said today that the nature of the Japanese Communist Party "raised the question whether it should any longer be regarded as a constitutionally recognised political movement."

ISRAEL TO DEBATE ANNEXATION

Jerusalem, May 2.—The Israeli Parliament (Knesset) will hear tomorrow afternoon a Government statement on the reaction to Jordan's annexation of parts of Palestine, the Speaker of the House announced this afternoon.

When the Knesset reconvened this afternoon, the Speaker said motions were tabled by four Opposition groups that the House should discuss Israel's reaction to Jordan's annexation.

He said that the Government would give a statement on the subject tomorrow afternoon.

The four groups—the extreme right wing Freedom Movement, the right wing General Zionists, the extreme left wing United Labour Party (MAPAM) and the Communists—submitted different motions and are not expected to vote together.

The most violent motion is that of the leader of the Freedom Movement, Menahem Begin, whose motion is on "the illegal annexation of parts of Western Israel aiming at an indirect British occupation of the territory."—Reuter.

Lattimore Hits Back At Accusers

Washington, May 2.—Professor Owen Lattimore, State Department adviser on the Far East, told the Senate Committee under oath today that people who accuse him of being a Communist are liars.

Of Senator Joseph McCarthy, whose charges that the State Department was harbouring Communists are under investigation by the Committee, Professor Lattimore said, "I have never been accused, as McCarthy has been, of income tax evasion, of the destruction of records, of being in my official custody, or of improperly using an official position for the purpose of advancing my own fortune, political or otherwise."

Mr. Lattimore, a Professor at Johns Hopkins University, called the Senator "clearly a bad policy risk" using a phrase out of the McCarthy charges against himself.

Of the witnesses called against him, including Louis Budenz converted to Catholicism in 1945 from his job as managing editor of the Communist New York Daily Worker, Professor Lattimore said, "I do not of course, enjoy being vilified by anybody, not even by a motley crew of crackpots, professional informers, hysterics and ex-Communists." — Reuter.

Speaking on the third anniversary of the Japanese Constitution, General MacArthur said that the Communist Party had become "the avowed satellite of an international predatory force, and the Japanese arm of an alien power."

Should coming events warrant "definitive action," he had the utmost faith that the Japanese people would proceed with wisdom, he added.

The Allied Commander said that the Communists were trying to lead Japan into an even greater disaster than her defeat in the recent war. The militarists had the pretence of service to legitimate national ends, but Communists, under foreign dictation, sought ultimately to subject Japan to the political control of others.

"The problem rapidly confronting Japan, as other countries throughout the world, is how locally to deal with this anti-social force in order to prevent, without the impairment of the legitimate exercise of personal liberty such an abuse of freedom as to imperil the national welfare," General MacArthur declared.

The ban on the box was a safeguard against abusive use of freedom creating unrest and lawlessness favourable to the emergence of such leadership through intimidation and force. If Japan proceeded firmly and wisely on her present course the Japanese Constitution might become a Magna Carta of free Asia, guaranteeing individual liberty and personal dignity, General MacArthur added.—Reuter.

THREE INCIDENTS

Tokyo, May 2.—General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, disclosed three anti-occupation incidents today a few hours after denouncing Japanese Communists for trying to lead their nation "into an even greater disaster than her recent defeat."

The three incidents—believed by observers to indicate growing Japanese restiveness under the occupation and to provide evidence of the Communist Party's reported decision to take "direct action"—were:

1. A thousand students at Tohoku University, in Northern Honshu, shouted down General MacArthur's educational adviser, Dr. W. C. Eels, and forced him to abandon a lecture by climbing onto the platform.

2. Brigadier Courtney Whitney, Government Section chief, announced that he had received 85 telegrams in 48 hours from provincial bodies protesting against the local taxation bill now before the Diet. According to Japanese papers, the Government Section is refusing to consider amendments to the bill, which was rejected by the Upper House of the Diet yesterday.

Diplomatic circles believe that the telegrams were addressed to Brigadier Whitney as a silent protest against his group continuing to "advise" the Government on such matters.

3. Another instance of Japanese defiance of occupation personnel was disclosed when a Tokyo court sentenced 12 Japanese to three years' hard labour for obstructing a military jeep during recent anti-taxation demonstrations.—Reuter.

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Startled By The Dean

London, May 2.—Dr. Walter Robert Matthews, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, startled religious circles throughout Britain today by supporting mercy killing.

Addressing the annual meeting of the Voluntary Euthanasia Legalisation Society, the 61-year-old religious leader said: "Surveying the arguments for it and against, I have come to the conclusion that the Society's proposal is quite in accordance with the Christian conception of human rights and duty."

Quoting arguments that legalisation of voluntary euthanasia would be equivalent to legalising suicide and murder, the Dean said: "I am taking it as a man, of his own life solely on his own judgment."—Reuter.

Pakistan Ban Lifted

Karachi, May 2.—The Pakistan Government, tonight withdrew its ban on the entry into Pakistan of the Hindu Times, printed and published in New Delhi.—Reuter.

Trade Treaty Lost In Air Crash

Manila, May 2.—The Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman said today that President Elpidio Quirino may soon approve the \$50,000,000 barter trade agreement with occupied Japan, which the ill-fated SCAP mission, headed by the late Mr. Frank Pickelle, negotiated here on a technical level.

The spokesman revealed that documents giving the Minister in Tokyo, Dr. Bernabe Africa, full powers to sign the treaty on behalf of the Philippines already have been prepared and are awaiting Mr. Quirino's signature. They will be sent to Tokyo as soon as they are signed by the President.

The spokesman indicated that if SCAP approves the agreement shortly, it might be submitted by the Foreign Office for Senate confirmation before the close of the present Congressional session on May 18.

However, even without Senate confirmation—in case final approval of the agreement is delayed—barter between the countries could be carried out under a modus vivendi until time as the agreement is ratified, the spokesman pointed out.

SCAP's copy of the agreement, which was in the form of three documents, was lost in an air disaster near Tokyo last month which claimed 35 lives, including those of four members of the SCAP trade mission. Duplicates, however, have been obtained at the Foreign Office by Major Robert O'Hara, the only living member of the mission, who is now back in Tokyo.—United Press.

FAO REPORTS ON SEVERE CHINA CROP FAILURES

Washington, May 2.—There may be "widespread starvation" in large areas of China before the summer, according to a report of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, which said the most significant current food developments were severe crop failures in China and Argentina and mounting concern over surpluses in the United States and Canada.

The report was prepared for consideration by the FAO Council at its meeting which opens in Rome on Monday.

The agency said food production in China was curtailed last year by floods in large areas of the Yellow River and Yangtze valley and droughts in parts of North China.

It said Argentina probably would be unable to export any corn in 1950 owing to a crop failure caused by drought.

The report said the overall quantity of food available for each person in the world was not much changed since last year. It noted that the United States was curbing production owing to unsaleable surpluses, and farm prices had dropped considerably in Canada because the United Kingdom had cut buying from dollar areas.

It said "at the same time, chronic shortages prevail elsewhere in the world under which millions of people may suffer and die from starvation, as now in China."—United Press.

mission's meeting at Bangkok on May 10 for a decision. The cable application, signed by Chou En-lai, Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China, said that Chou En-lai had been appointed Communist representative and asked the United Nations Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, to request a visa from the Siamese Government.

A Hongkong despatch on Saturday said that Mr. Chou also asked for the expulsion of the present Nationalist delegate, Mr. Byron Price, Acting Secretary-General in the absence of Mr. Lie, referred both requests to the Commission, whose decision on whether to seat the Communist representative presumably will determine whether it asks for the visa.

Chou En-lai had previously been named Communist representative of the Economic and Social Council, which refused to expel the Nationalist representative.—Reuter.

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Serious Floods In Turkey

Ankara, May 2.—Thirteen persons were drowned by flood waters at Polatli, in East Central Turkey, press reports said today. More than 50 houses were reported destroyed.

The spring rains flooded several villages and damaged crops throughout Central and Eastern Anatolia.—United Press.

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